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Senate Finance Committee

The Honorable Delores Kelley, Chair
The Honorable Brian Feldman, Vice Chair
Favorable Testimony: SB 865

Chairwoman Kelley & Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

On behalf of Meritus Health, I am pleased to support **SB 865 – Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Emergency Service Transporters – Reimbursement.**

This bill would assist in the development of a paramedicine program that would allow for reimbursement to Emergency Medical Services when transporting a patient whose ailments may be treatable at another facility, such as an urgent care facility. This will also alleviate pressure currently being applied to hospital emergency rooms and maximize available resources by diverting patients to other venues of care.

If passed, this program would have a positive impact for the patients being assessed by the transporting company, ensuring they would be taken to the appropriate facility for their required level of care. The goal of this bill is to provide our community with the best care in the best setting.

Please reach out at any time if we can provide further information. My cell is 410-829-6252 and email is Maulik.joshi@meritushealth.com. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maulik Joshi".

Maulik S. Joshi, Dr.P.H.
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